

BEACH FACILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

11/26/12

Meeting Minutes

In attendance: Tim Shaw, Patricia Lang, Terry Mey, Charlene Cirillo, Joseph P. Marnane, Nick Coogan, John Crimmins and Tom Darby

Open Meeting at 6:03pm

1. Review and approval of 10/22/12 minutes.
2. Report on Second Beach facility tour (10/27/12)
 - a. Tricia Lang +1, Charlene Cirillo +1, Komes Rozes, Nick Coogan, John Crimmins, John Ceglarski, Tom Darby, Pete Marnane, Rian Wilkenson, Tim Shaw, Antone Viveiros and Chris Semonelli attended the tour
 - b. Committee thanked Tim Shaw for opening the facility and hosting the tour
 - c. Tim Shaw offered to open the facility at anytime for any additional tours
 - d. All committee members present agreed that the facility is functionally obsolete and must be upgraded or replaced
 - e. Committee asked Tim Shaw to arrange early-December visits to recently built/refurbished state beach facilities in South County (East Matunuck, Misquamicut, and Roger Wheeler). The committee prefers a Saturday visit.
3. Report on beach event, programs and other activities
 - a. Tim Shaw provided the committee with a menu of activities, events and programs that occur on and around the Sachuest Beaches. The menu is broken down into passive and active recreation, along with approximately 35 special events that are held annually at the beaches.
 - b. Tim Shaw added that Surf Camps, not just surfing, have become more of a presence at the beaches and needed to be added to the list.
4. Discussion of the two beach facility studies (RKG Market Study/Business Plan & Newport Collaborative Architectural Study)
 - a. Pete Marnane asked what the committee agreed with after reviewing the studies. The committee agreed that there is no need for an events center that was stated to run at a loss in the RKG Market Study and Business Plan.
 - b. The committee was asked what they felt jumped out of the studies. Pete Marnane stated that the two facility studies provided a lot of helpful information. Newport Collaborative study was helpful in offering recommendations and flaws with the many materials that would be needed. Pete also added that site visits to the state beach facilities the soon after the recent storms would provide the group with a great learning experience when it comes to what did or didn't work, as well as what can be done to avoid any issues that have occurred during these storms. Terry Mey pointed out problems that Easton's Beach has encountered following these storms.
 - c. The committee agreed that Sachuest Beach needs to stay as natural as possible.

- d. Tim Shaw pointed out that the Newport Collaborative study provides step by step planning for construction of a new facility, as well as constraints that the town would face in doing so.
 - e. John Crimmins handed out helpful communications from the Beach Commission to update the committee on past conversations regarding these reports.
 - f. Tom Darby pointed out that the cost for a new building in the Newport Collaborative study was at \$3.3 million, and asked why we couldn't be at that number for the project. The committee agreed that not having a tower in a new facility would help keep down the cost.
 - g. The committee agreed that it would be helpful to have someone with a marketing background on the committee.
 - h. Charlene Cirillo suggested that marketing a new facility or upgraded facility would be a great internship opportunity for a local student at little to no cost to the town.
 - i. John Crimmins pointed out that the Farrar conceptual cost estimate report lists 7 or 8 recent projects to use when comparing costs. John also mentioned that DPW Director Tom O'Loughlin is a wealth of knowledge and would be very helpful with this committee.
 - j. Charlene Cirillo stated that her husband, who is a retired state building commissioner/architect, has offered his time to the committee. He was involved with many of the recent state beach facility projects.
5. Additional discussion
- a. The committee agreed that meeting on the fourth Monday of the month worked well for the meetings. It was asked that Maureen Maurer contact the committee to set up the next meeting.
 - b. Pete Marnane asked if the town had a recent cost estimate for renovations of the current facility. The committee agreed that this would be useful information when providing the Town Council with the final report.
 - c. Terry Mey mentioned that St. Georges School was well aware of the Beach Facility Advisory Committee, as well as the importance of Sachuest Point and our beaches are to the school. Terry pointed out that the school is very involved and concerned when it comes to the future of the beaches. The group agreed that there should be some representation from St. Georges School on this committee.
 - d. Terry Mey asked if there could be someone from the Town Administration to discuss beach finances. Tim Shaw stated that the Finance Director Lynne Dible would make herself available to the committee to go over the financial reports that were provided to the committee.
 - e. The committee questioned the police details at the beach, along with the harbormaster's budget.
 - f. The committee would like to know where the beach revenues go. Is the town putting aside money to reinvest into the beach? Has the town been reinvesting into the beach?
 - g. Tricia Lang provided the committee with information from the Beach Commission's first visit to East Matunuck State Beach, along with additional beach financial handouts that

were compiled with the Finance Director, Recreation Director and a member from the Beach Commission.

- h. It was stated that Maureen Maurer would contact the committee to set the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20pm